

Fredericksburg Area Local Human Rights Committee
Minutes- DRAFT

Regular Quarterly Meeting – October 26, 2012

Attendance and Determination of Quorum: Quorum met

Members:

Present: Lynn DelaMer, Debe Fults, and Nancy Sorrentino

Absent: Heidi Swale

Regional Advocate: Kevin Paluszak

Affiliates:

Present: Dominion Day Services; Family Guidance; Family Preservation Services; Family Solutions; Heritage House; Intercept Youth Services; Lutheran Family Counseling; National Counseling Group; PEOPLE LLC; Restorative Youth Services; Wall Residences; Wellness Group

Absent: Clinical Empowerment; Family Guidance

Guests: Rachel Wright, FALHRC committee member candidate

Starting of the Meeting /Review of Agenda: Call to order at 9:35am; sign-in sheet distributed; agenda reviewed with no adjustments; self introductions

Reading/Approval of old Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Lynn DelaMer, seconded by Debe Fults; motion carried to approve minutes from July 27, 2012 meeting

Public Comment: none

Treasurer's Report: No report

Reports from FALHRC Affiliates:

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| <u>Clinical Empowerment:</u> | Absent; No report received |
| <u>Dominion Day Services:</u> | Present; report received; requested to stay for executive session |
| <u>Family Guidance:</u> | Absent; no report received; Kevin will verify current status of provider |
| <u>Family Preservation Services:</u> | Present; report received |
| <u>Family Solutions:</u> | Present; report received |
| <u>Heritage House:</u> | Present; report received; requested to stay for executive session |

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| <u>Intercept Youth Services</u> | Present; report received |
| <u>Lutheran Family Services</u> | Present; report received. |
| <u>National Counseling Group</u> | Present; report received |
| <u>PEOPLE</u> | Present; report received |
| <u>Restorative Youth Services</u> (formerly Structures) | Present; affiliation requested |
| <u>Wall Residence Inc.</u> | Present; report received |
| <u>Wellness Group</u> | Present; report received |
| <u>Serenity Behavioral Services</u> | Present; affiliation requested |

Old Business:

Anne Henley, Family Solutions, introduced a consumer candidate for the FALHRC. Several affiliate representatives are working to identify consumer and family members to serve.

Kevin had no information on affiliate status of Family Guidance or Clinical Empowerment.

New Business:

1) Requests for expanded/new services from FALHRC Affiliates

- **Lutheran Family Services** – announced change in management of Developmental Services cases; introduced April Strowbridge who will replace Ryan Long; requested affiliation of new service in our region
- **Wall Residences** – requested affiliation of a new provider, Seidah Ashshaheed.
- **Restorative Youth Services (formerly Structures)** – Kathy Fitzsimmons informed FALHRC of name change and announced that license recently approved after 18 months delay. She will send the letter from Licensing with approval notification to committee members and regional advocate, and will bring policies/procedures to the next meeting for review since it has been 2 years since affiliation with FALHRC was requested. Chair Nancy Sorrentino will check records to confirm affiliation status. RYS will provide residential services for youth aged 12-18 years old. Kathy also announced a new program – a home in King George to open soon for youth aged 8-12 years – and will provide written notification to committee members and regional advocate of expansion.
- **Serenity Behavioral Health** – requested affiliation with FALHRC. Copies of policies were distributed to committee members (had received via email the night before the meeting). “Z” provided an overview of services to be provided – sponsored residential placement for adults with ID. No current clients are being served. A motion by Lynn DelaMer, seconded by Nancy Sorrentino, to approve FALHRC affiliation carried.

2) Intercept video monitoring – Courtney Simonds, IYS regional program manager, provided an overview of the purpose and functioning of the video monitoring system (no auditory) used to ensure safety of the young male residents of Frederick House. No recording is done; thus, there is no issue regarding storage or access. Clients and family/guardians are aware of the system and have signed a document upon admission. No monitoring is done in bedrooms or bath

areas. Kevin provided information on licensure requirements regarding dignity, privacy, participation and consent.

Report of the Regional Advocate: Kevin provided an overview of LHRC committee member responsibilities to include 3 major purposes: review, recommend and resolve. He encouraged site visits to affiliated agencies to enhance understanding of services provided. He reminded affiliates that one-third of the members must be consumers – individuals currently receiving or have received services within the last 5 years.

Kevin announced that human regulations are reviewed every 5 years. No major changes are anticipated – perhaps terminology revisions such as a shift from consumer to individuals receiving services. It is doubtful that the “Blue Book” will be printed, rather available online.

Kevin reported on the CRIS system for affiliate reporting of all issues. With DOJ settlement, it is anticipated that funds will be available to support pilot projects next year.

Announcements/Report of Committee Members:

Debe Fults announced that dRC hosted a DOJ presentation. The attorneys are interested in meeting with families to hear individual stories. She is willing to host a community event, if interest warrants. She also distributed a flyer of upcoming and ongoing events sponsored by dRC. Including a presentation on START on November 29th.

Lynn DelaMer thanked affiliates who participated in two recent conferences – one for consumers and a second for mental health practitioners in August and September respectively. She distributed an updated Mental Health Resource List as well as a new Employment Support Services resource list for adults seeking employment opportunities.

Adjournment of Open Session: 10:45am

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Lynn DelaMer, seconded by Debe Fults, and passed to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-3711 for the purpose of reviewing the care of clients provided by Heritage House and Dominion Day Services. Upon reconvening the Local Human Rights Committee certified that to the best of each member’s knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the closed session were discussed in closed session.

End of closed session meeting: 11:50 am

Next Meeting – January 25, 2013, 9:30am at Providence Corporation